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Northampton County Executive Veto of Upper Mount Bethel Township LERTA

By Brittney Waylen | Deputy Director of Administration

RETURN OF VETOED ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2023, the Northampton County Council adopted Ordinance No. XXX-2023, Bill No. 839 entitled "AN ORDINANCE BY NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL CONCURRING WITH THE UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP AND THE BANGOR AREA SCHOOLD DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN DETERIORATED PROPERTY AS DEFINED IN ORDINANCE 2017-04 OF THE UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP – PURSUANT TO ACT 76 OF 1977, OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AS AMENDED (72 P.S. §4722 *ET SEQ.*);" and

WHEREAS, Article 602 subsection (g)(2) of the Northampton County Home Rule Charter, authorizes and empowers the County Executive to veto any ordinance within ten (10) days of its adoption by Northampton County Council; and

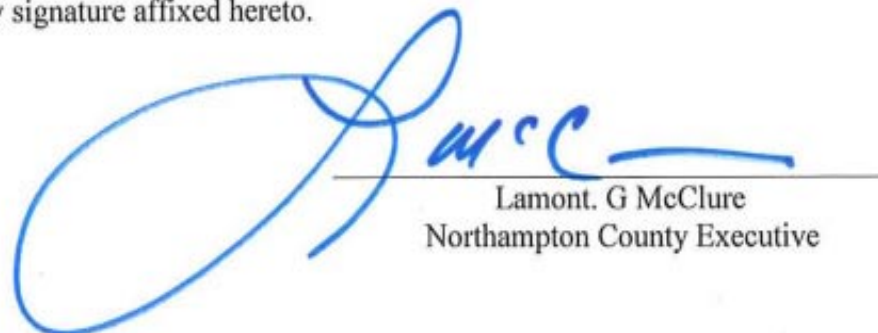
WHEREAS, in Northampton County, warehouse proliferation has scarred our landscape, and it has made travel staggeringly inconvenient, if not downright perilous. While we do not seek to denigrate the work our fellow citizens do in warehouses, all work should be valued; we do know that manufacturing jobs pay on average \$10,000 per year more to start; and

WHEREAS, we should not be incentivizing warehouse construction with tax breaks. Instead, we should be incentivizing the creation of manufacturing jobs. To that end, the developer of the RPL Project is willing to work with the County of Northampton in the context of this LERTA to do just that. We should not be using our citizens' property tax money to build warehouses for for-profit companies. Sustain this veto and allow us to work with the developer to make meaningful changes to the LERTA so that we might create more manufacturing jobs; and

WHEREAS, we do not need any additional truck traffic in Northampton County. We do not need additional pollution in Northampton County. We do not need any additional warehouses in Northampton County.

NOW THEREFORE, by the powers vested in the County Executive under Sections 303(3) and 602(g)(2) of the Northampton County Home Rule Charter, the County Executive disapproves of and vetoes Ordinance No. XXX-2023, Bill No. 839, and returns said ordinance to the County Council.

THE FOREGOING, done this 11th day of April, 2023, at the City of Easton, County of Northampton, witness my signature affixed hereto.



Lamont G McClure
Northampton County Executive